

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROTECTING PRIVACY AND ENHANCING DIGITAL COMPETITION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I wish to raise the need for congressional action in two areas that are critical for the privacy rights of Americans and the economic competitiveness of American companies and startups. We need a comprehensive privacy law to protect Americans in commercial contexts, and we need to reform surveillance laws relating to government collection of personal information.

As a Representative of Silicon Valley, I'm proud of the countless innovations my constituents have brought forward that improve the lives of billions of people, but I also recognize that our country needs a comprehensive privacy law. In November 2019, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN and I first introduced the Online Privacy Act to protect individuals, encourage innovation, and take a major step towards restoring trust in technology. We are preparing to reintroduce this bill in the coming days. Our legislation creates privacy rights for users, places clear privacy obligations on companies, establishes a Digital Privacy Agency (DPA) to enforce privacy protections and investigate abuses, and strengthens enforcement by empowering state attorneys general to enforce privacy violations and allowing individuals to appoint nonprofits to represent them in private class-action lawsuits. Importantly, the U.S. is the only industrialized country that lacks an agency focused on privacy law. Our legislation fixes that issue.

We must also reconsider laws that authorize the Intelligence Community to collect and process personal information. Having served for nearly a decade on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have a deep regard for our national security needs. However, I also recognize how our needs have evolved and how authorizations Congress enacted two decades ago have been abused. Specifically, we must limit the collection and retention of surveillance data under Executive Order 12333 regarding intelligence surveillance and Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). I've joined proposals to reform these laws in the past and I believe Congress must prioritize these issues, not only to protect privacy but also because they directly impact our economy.

In 2015, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) struck down an agreement between the U.S. and EU known as Safe Harbor. In explaining its decision to invalidate the agreement, the Court cited concerns with lack of judicial redress and EU citizens' fundamental rights to privacy, codified in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. In response to the invalidation of this agreement, the U.S. and EU came to another data agreement known as Privacy Shield with stronger privacy protections. In July 2020 the ECJ struck down this

agreement too, again due to the breadth of U.S. surveillance laws. Plainly put, the ECJ ruling highlights that EU citizens—and Americans—cannot easily challenge the uses of their data by our Intelligence Community using our judicial system. The decision harms U.S. companies by creating uncertainty in the market and restricting access to data that many small businesses, startups, and other companies rely on to remain competitive.

I have joined efforts by Representatives LOFGREN and MASSIE to reform Section 702 of FISA to prohibit the warrantless search of online communications and prohibit the federal government from pressuring companies to build encryption “backdoors,” and I intend to keep fighting for these needed reforms.

I urge my colleagues to pass legislative reforms to surveillance laws that respect privacy and enable American economic competitiveness, while also respecting our national security needs. We must devote our energies to achieving these objectives.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL PAT HAMILTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Major General Pat Hamilton as he transitions into his richly-deserved retirement. His dedication to our beloved nation and his community in Round Rock, Texas is the reflection of a true and devoted public servant.

With his altruistic spirit and high-minded vision, MG Hamilton is a trusted leader and proud warrior. Throughout his military career, he brought his tremendous talents and commitment to excellence to every challenge he encountered. His extraordinary work did not go unnoticed as he was awarded our nation's highest honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. His efforts have been critical in maintaining the U.S. military's reputation as the world's greatest fighting force.

MG Hamilton's commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted public servant. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to contribute both his time and energies to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great. His commitment to public service represents the best values of Central Texas.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major General Pat Hamilton as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of Central Texas, I

thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

SUPPORTING THE U.S. FLAGGED FLEET

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the U.S. flagged merchant fleet and the men and women of the US merchant marine who work every day to support our military and our nation. We are now seeing firsthand how important maritime transportation is to our supply chain and the health of our economy.

Our U.S. flagged fleet responds when called upon to aid in disasters and emergencies, moves critical government and military cargo around the world, and carries essential humanitarian aid to help people in need across the globe.

Madam Speaker, programs like the Maritime Security Program and the Tanker Security Program enjoy bipartisan support in Congress because they help ensure we retain both a strong commercial maritime capability that enhances our national security and a critical military capability should we need it in times of conflict. We must do all we can to strengthen our fleet and support our mariners.

HONORING MICHAEL CHANDLER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Officer Michael Chandler of the Big Stone Gap Police Department. Officer Chandler was killed in the line of duty on November 13, 2021, at the age of 29. Though he was taken too soon, he lived a selfless life of service and commitment to the rigorous calling of law enforcement.

Officer Chandler was a native of Big Stone Gap. As a student at Powell Valley High School, he played football and scored the last touchdown in the school's history before it subsequently merged into Union High School. He graduated in 2011 and began service in 2015 with the Big Stone Gap Fire Department. In 2019, Officer Chandler joined the Big Stone Gap Police Department. He was a distinguished public servant who put his life on the line every day as he courageously served, protected, and defended those around him. While on duty on his 29th birthday, he gave the ultimate sacrifice. Officer Chandler was shot while performing a wellness check in Wise County. He was initially transported to Norton Community Hospital before being flown

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to Johnson City Medical Center, where he passed away.

Officer Chandler was a loving father, husband, son, brother, and friend. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Wayne Chandler, and his grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Natasha Chandler; his daughter, Kamryn Elizabeth Chandler; his mother, Rebecca Ann Tipton, and her husband Eddie; his brothers, Chris Chandler, David Chandler, and his wife Kisha, and Tyler Chandler; his sister, Amanda Herron, and her husband Troy; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of other close relatives and friends.

The death of Officer Chandler is a grievous loss to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Wise County, and the Town of Big Stone Gap. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. His bravery and selfless service will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MR. PARVIZ KAMANGAR

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Parviz Kamangar for his dedication and service to the Central Valley.

Mr. Kamangar was instrumental in the funding and development of the Boys and Girls Club in Huron, an organization which was absent from the community until the involvement of Mr. Kamangar and his associates.

Aside from being pivotal in the development of the Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Kamangar has also provided scholarships to local students for years. Since 2013, he has helped provide 147 different scholarships to students.

Mr. Kamangar has been vital in providing much needed assistance throughout the community. He was an intricate part of the development of a new Animal Control Shelter in the City of Huron.

Recently, Mr. Kamangar generously donated to the Huron Community Enhancement Foundation, a local nonprofit organization, to assist in keeping the foundation operational. Mr. Kamangar also donated to the Huron Police Officers assigned to U.S. COPS anti-crime outreach program to allow for interactions with Huron youth.

Whether it be through his dedication to community service or his philanthropy, Mr. Kamangar is a vital member of the community within the 21st congressional district.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work done by Mr. Parviz Kamangar.

REMEMBERING ROB WARREN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and works of my dear friend Robert Lorenz "Rob" Warren of Castro Valley, CA, gone far too soon.

Rob was born the youngest of five sons to Annette Garin Warren and Richard Stafford "Dick" Warren. Both sides of his family have called the East Bay home since the 19th Century; Garin Regional Park, established on his mother's family ranch, was the site of many a gathering as Rob grew up. Grandfather E. Guy Warren with his wife, Adair, had founded the family's ranch in Castro Valley's beautiful Cull Canyon, where Rob and his brothers maintained ranches and together ran a cattle company.

Rob attended Hayward's All Saints Elementary School and Moreau High School, and then the University of California, Davis and the U.C. Hastings College of the Law. At age 16, he was selected into the House of Representatives Page Program—an experience that led Rob to what would be his two lifelong loves, his wife and his devotion to public service. It was via fellow pages in 1994 at the Pendleton Rodeo that he met the one and only love of his life, Colleen O'Brien. They were married four years later sharing a passion for San Francisco, hosting big parties, travel, a tremendously close circle of friends, and raising children in a country environment. Together they built a home in Cull Canyon and were blessed with Julia and Max—the lights of their lives. The four laughed, cooked, skied and went on wonderful adventures together.

Rob was an Alameda County Assistant District Attorney, serving as advisor to the Civil Grand Jury for much of his career. His good-natured, easy-going, and hard-working personality was perfect for the job. His colleagues were central to his life.

Rob lived his belief in civic engagement, selflessly serving on the Boards of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, Alameda County 100 Club, Eden Hospital Medical Foundation and All Saints Masterplan. Rob was an Eagle Scout, served on the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and was a Past President of the Hayward Area Historical Society. In 2017 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Law from Moreau High School.

As we grieve Rob's loss, I've come to realize that one of his legacies will be all the people he connected. These seemingly countless "Friends of Rob" will be ever grateful that he brought together so many of us and brightened our lives.

Rob Warren was the ultimate family man, loyal, smart, witty and a best friend to ever so many. Brittany and I are terribly sad that our new son, Hank Warren Swallow, will never meet and learn from Rob, who left us the same day Hank arrived. But in time we will realize our lives will have more integrity, loyalty, and laughter because we knew Rob, for he changed us all for the better. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

HOMETOWN HERO—BRUCE STACY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Stacy of Colleyville, TX who served in the U.S. Army and received two silver stars in Vietnam.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding Bruce the 2021 Congressional Vet-

eran Commendation. We honor Bruce for his courage and sacrifice in 1969, where he sustained serious wounds as he cleared many soldiers from an immediate area of assault by the enemy. He was later awarded two Purple Hearts after this conflict.

Bruce has always put others first and continues to make a lasting impact on the lives around him. It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24, like Bruce, and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank Bruce for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN CUBA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to provide context on my present vote on November 3rd for H. Res. 760. While I echo many of the sentiments in the resolution and appreciate Rep. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Rep. SIREN, and Rep. DIAZ-BALART efforts to draw attention to the rights of the Cuban people to protest their government and to condemn the Cuban government for its repressive actions, I share the concerns of my colleagues that the resolution would perpetuate the isolation of Cuba that the Obama administration worked to reverse. I stand firmly behind the people of Cuba as they fight for their rights, which is why I did not vote against the bill.

However, I believe that such a statement on U.S.-Cuba policy should also affirm a policy of engagement and reject the use of sanctions—like those applied by the Trump administration—that hurt the Cuban people and do nothing to support their democratic aspirations. Furthermore, I was disappointed that this resolution was brought to the floor under suspension of the rules and did not go through a markup on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, preventing the opportunity to include language that underscores our commitment to finding real solutions to the current impasse in U.S.-Cuba policy.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on a clear path forward that upholds human rights and democratic values while paving a way for practical engagement.

WISHES FOR PEACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, it has been over a year since the end of the 2020 44-day war between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This short, but furious and deadly, conflict stemmed from historical differences regarding geographic territory based on ethnicity and religion. I do not pretend to know the details of this conflict. The seeds for this conflict were